

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/982,711)	Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING)	Confirmation No.: 8666
DEVICE, INFORMATION PLAYBACK)	
DEVICE, INFORMATION)	
RECORDING MEDIUM,)	
INFORMATION RECORDING)	
METHOD, INFORMATION)	
PLAYBACK METHOD, AND)	
PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a statement as specified under § 1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. Moreover, the documents JP 06-274880, JP 2000-215614, JP 2000-276843, JP 2000-231760, JP 07-161172, JP 07-249264, JP 09-055731, JP 11-195269, JP 11-250572,

JP 11-272561, and JP 11-296978, also cited in the communication, were previously listed in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicant on September 15, 2010, and considered by the Examiner on November 17, 2010.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of a Notification of Reasons for Refusal issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese application is enclosed, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. English Abstracts of JP 2000-187935 and JP 2000-293946, and a machine translation of JP 2002-539557 are also attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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